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SUBJECT: JOSHUA NKOMO CONCLUDES VISIT TO ZAMBIA

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1. RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO FLEW TO SALISBURY NOVEMBER 20 ON HIS WAY TO LOURENCO MARQUES TO BRIEF PRESIDENT MACHEL ON THE STATUS OF HIS TALKS WITH IAN SMITH. ON NOV. 18 NKOMO HAD FLOWN TO LUAPULA PROVINCE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO IS ON AN OFFICIAL INSPECTION TOUR THERE. UPON HIS RETURN NEXT DAY TO LUSAKA NKOMO DESCRIBED HIS TALKS WITH KAUNDA AS "VERY FINE INDEED."

2. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY TIMES OF ZAMBIA NOV. 19, NKOMO QUOTED AS SAYING HE AND SMITH HAD AGREED ON ALMOST EVERYTHING BUT QUESTION OF IMMUNITY FOR NATIONALIST EXILES. SAID HE AND SMITH WOULD RESUME THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE WITHIN TEN DAYS. ASKED IF BISHOP MUZOREWA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF RIVAL

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AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FACTION WOULD BE ALLOWED JOIN IN CONSTI-

TUATIONAL TALKS, NKOMO SAID: "ANC IS NOT A CLOSED SHOP BUT A PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION FOR ALL ZIMBABWEANS." ADDED HE HAS NO GRUDGE AGAINST ANYONE. NKOMO DEFENDED HIS TALKS WITH SMITH AS IN CONFORMITY WITH DECEMBER 1974 LUSAKA ANC MERGER AGREEMENT LATER ENDORSED BY OAU. HE ALSO ATTACKED "TRIBALISM" (I.E., PREDOMINATELY SHONA FACTION OF ANC LED BY SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA) AS DIVIDING ZIMBABWEANS AND THREATENINGMHHEIR FREEDOM STRUGGLE.

3. ZAMBIAN PRESS CARRIES REPORT FROM SALISBURY THAT NKOMO HAS DENIED REACHING ANY SECRETARY AGREEMENT WITH SMITH AND HAS INSISTED AGAIN THAT CURRENT TALKS ARE CONFINED TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS, NOT SUBSTANTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.
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